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SUBJ: JULY 16 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL COMMEMORATING TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF MAO'S YANGTZE SWIM

1. IN COMMEMORATION OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF CHAIRMAN MAO'S HISTORIC JULY 16, 1966 SWIM IN THE YANGTZE RIVER, PEOPLE'S DAILY TODAY CARRIED AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ADVANCE IN THE TEETH OF STORMS AND WAVES." THE EDITORIAL SINGLED OUT THE THEME OF "PROTRACTED STRUGGLE" FOR EMPHASIS AND HIGHLIGHTED THE MAO QUOTE: "WITHOUT STRUGGLE, THERE IS NO PROGRESS." BRIEFLY REVIEWING THE TUMULTUOUS POLITICAL HISTORY OF THE PRC FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, PEOPLE'S DAILY COUNSELED THE MASSES TO BE PREPARED FOR "EVEN TEN THOUSAND YEARS OF STRUGGLE." WHILE THIS THEME HAS BEEN PREVALENT IN RECENT WEEKS, THE EDITORIAL DOES NOT CALL FOR LEADING CADRES AT ALL LEVELS TO GO DOWN TO WORK WITH THE MASSES, A MAJOR

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THEME OF PROVINCIAL RESPONSE TO THE JULY 1 EDITORIAL MARKING

THE 55TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST
PARTY.

2. DESPITE THE CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON PROTRACTED STRUGGLE
AGAINST "CAPITALIST ROADERS IN THE PARTY", THE EDITORIAL,
AS WELL AS RECENT MEDIA ARTICLES, CONTINUES TO STOP SHORT
OF DEMANDING THEIR REMOVAL, SUGGESTING THAT THE PROMOTERS
OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST TENG HSIAO-PING CONTINUE TO BE
STYMIED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO BROADEN THE CAMPAIGN.
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